

# **Vermont Public School Dropout and High School Completion Report**

**For the 2001-2002 School Year**

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## **Executive Summary**

In previous years, the Vermont Department of Education has published an event dropout and high school completion rate in two separate reports. In the past year, an estimated cohort completion rate has also been published from the department. This year, the event dropout and completion data are reported in a single report along with an estimated cohort completion rate. The change reflects the department's commitment to streamline data management.

### ***Dropout Rates***

The dropout section of this report presents and summarizes information on students in grades 7 through 12 who withdrew from secondary schools in Vermont during the 2001-2002 school year and the preceding summer. Data included in this report were collected as part of the Department of Education's 2002 Register Data Collection.

A dropout by state and federal definition is an individual student who is not enrolled in an approved educational program and who has not graduated from high school. In Vermont, a student who is absent for more than 10 consecutive school days without authorization is classified as "withdrawn". If a truant officer is unable to verify that the student has transferred to a different school or approved educational program (e.g., home school) before the end of the year, the student is considered a dropout for the purposes of this report. A summer dropout is a student who completed the previous school year, who was absent for the first 10 days of the current school year, and who does not transfer to a different educational program. Appendix A is a guide published by the National Center of Education Statistics to clarify whether a student no longer attending school is classified as a dropout.

In FY02, the overall Vermont event dropout rate for grades 7 through 12 was 2.67%, while the rate for grades 9 through 12 was 3.90%, and the rate for 10 through 12 was 4.5%. These figures are comparable to national and regional data for FY2000 which indicate that, nationally  $5.0 \pm 0.5\%$  of students enrolled in grades 10 through 12 drop out; while regionally, in the Northeast  $3.9 \pm 0.5\%$  of students enrolled in grades 10 through 12 drop out <sup>1</sup>.

### ***Completion Rates***

We are reporting two separate completion rates in this report. The event completion rate represents the percentage of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who were promoted from Vermont High Schools in the 2001-2002 school year. The statewide 01-02 event completion rate for twelfth graders is 90%. To calculate this rate we simply divide the number of promoted 12<sup>th</sup> graders by the adjusted enrollment of 12<sup>th</sup> graders during the same school year (see below for a definition of adjusted enrollment).

The longitudinal completion rate is calculated by dividing the total number of graduates in a particular class (in this report the class of 2002) and dividing it by the cumulative number of dropouts over the four year period when the specified class would have attended high school. This rate attempts to estimate the graduation rate for a single class of students when actual cohort data are unavailable. The statewide longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2002 is 82%. This completion rate has been reported previously from Vermont's Department of Education, but this is the first year it has been included in this report.

It is important to note that the longitudinal completion rate has real limitations. It cannot account for students who may dropout and re-enroll in either the same school or another the following year. The rate includes both graduates and dropouts who may not have been part of the original cohort that started in the school in the ninth grade. However, until a statewide student tracking system is in place, the longitudinal completion rate provides the best information available on high school completion.

## **Data Collection Methodology**

The data used to calculate the event rates included in this report were collected in the Register Data Collection Survey conducted during July 2002. The longitudinal completion rates include data reported in the same collection in the previous three years. The register data collection includes a count of students

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<sup>1</sup> National Center for Education Statistics (2001). Dropout Rates in the United States: 2000. Page 19-21.

who were promoted from one grade to the next (or graduated in the case of 12<sup>th</sup> graders), students not promoted, students receiving GEDs from a public high school, students transferring to other schools, students who withdraw from school during the school year or previous summer, and students who are deceased. This report includes data from all public schools and the five independent schools: Bellows Free Academy, Burr & Burton, Lyndon Institute, St. Johnsbury Academy and Thetford Academy.

The Register data are used to calculate the adjusted enrollment that serves as the denominator for both the event dropout rate and the event completion rate. The adjusted enrollment estimates the membership of the school by counting all of the students except those who transferred to other educational programs or died during the school year. The adjusted enrollment for any particular grade or group of grades is calculated as follows.

$$\text{Adjusted Enrollment} = \frac{\text{Sum of Students}}{(\text{Promoted} + \text{Receiving a GED} + \text{Not Promoted} + \text{School year dropouts} + \text{Preceding Summer Dropouts})}$$

### ***Dropout Rates***

An event dropout rate is simply the number of dropouts in a particular grade level, divided by the adjusted enrollment for that grade level in a single school year. For instance, the 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade dropout rate is:

$$\frac{\text{Event Dropout Rate}}{\text{Rate}} = \frac{\text{Reported Grades 9-12 Dropout Counts}}{\text{Reported Grades 9-12 Adjusted Enrollment}}$$

### ***Completion Rates***

Similarly, an event completion rate is the number of promoted 12<sup>th</sup> graders divided by the adjusted enrollment of 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a given school year.

$$\frac{\text{Event Completion Rate}}{\text{Rate}} = \frac{\text{Reported 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Promoted}}{\text{Reported 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Adjusted Enrollment}}$$

An estimated four-year high school completion rate or longitudinal completion rate is calculated by dividing the number of high school completers by the cumulative count of high school dropouts plus the completers for the four years between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

$$\frac{\text{Longitudinal (Estimated Four-Year High School) Completion Rate}}{\text{Rate}} = \frac{\text{Reported 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Promoted}}{\text{Reported 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Promoted, plus Reported 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Dropouts in current year, plus Reported 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Dropouts in previous year, plus Reported 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Dropouts two years prior, plus Reported 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Dropouts three years prior}}$$

## Results

### Dropout Data

#### Grade by Grade Comparison of Dropout Rates

As in previous years, dropout rates increase with grade level. Statewide, 7th and 8th grade dropout levels remain below 1%, while dropout rates in high school vary from 2.22% in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 5.07% in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. In FY02 the dropout rate for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 declined compared to FY01.

Table 1: Grade-by-Grade Comparison of Dropout Rates

Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12	7-12	9-12
FY 96	0.17%	0.30%	3.22%	4.65%	6.46%	7.25%	3.45%	5.26%
FY 97	0.14%	0.23%	3.26%	4.25%	6.21%	6.60%	3.24%	4.96%
FY 98	0.07%	0.10%	3.39%	5.06%	6.07%	6.11%	3.36%	5.06%
FY 99	0.22%	0.19%	2.90%	4.38%	5.99%	5.19%	3.06%	4.52%
FY 00	0.15%	0.23%	3.15%	4.38%	5.76%	5.66%	3.16%	4.67%
FY 01	0.06%	0.11%	2.92%	4.53%	5.70%	5.69%	3.13%	4.66%
FY 02	0.12%	0.25%	2.22%	3.74%	4.80%	5.07%	2.67%	3.90%

#### Dropout Trends for 1992 through 2002

As shown in Table 2 and Figure 1, the total number of dropouts and the dropout rate in grades 7 -12<sup>th</sup> and grades 9 -12<sup>th</sup> increased slightly each year and peaked in FY 1996. These numbers have been on the decline since. In FY 2002, the dropout rates for grades 7-12<sup>th</sup> and grades 9-12<sup>th</sup> are at the lowest in the past ten years.

Table 2: Dropout Trends for 1992 through 2002

Year	Adjusted Enrollment		Number of Dropouts						Total Dropouts		Dropout Rate	
	7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	7-12 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 <sup>th</sup>	7-12 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 <sup>th</sup>
FY 92	41,004	26,548	32	38	215	238	335	272	1,130	1,060	2.76%	3.99%
FY 93	41,782	26,964	54	39	217	235	315	319	1,179	1,086	2.82%	4.02%
FY 94*	42,687	27,377	40	35	200	306	366	397	1,344	1,269	3.15%	4.64%
FY 95*	44,320	28,431	37	38	210	306	402	424	1,417	1,342	3.20%	4.72%
<b>FY 96*</b>	<b>45,364</b>	<b>29,006</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>3.45%</b>	<b>5.26%</b>
FY 97*	46,790	29,935	12	19	277	327	443	437	1,515	1,484	3.24%	4.96%
FY 98	47,661	31,329	6	8	300	406	448	432	1,600	1,586	3.36%	5.06%
FY 99	48,218	31,856	18	16	260	363	451	367	1,475	1,441	3.06%	4.52%
FY 00	48,112	31,936	12	19	274	364	446	407	1,522	1,491	3.16%	4.67%
FY 01	47,584	31,676	5	9	247	362	443	423	1,489	1,475	3.13%	4.66%
FY 02	48,544	32,423	10	20	193	309	371	393	1,296	1,266	2.67%	3.90%

\*Based on October 1 enrollment from previous year (ex: FY94 figure is enrollment as of October 1, 1993).

Figure 1

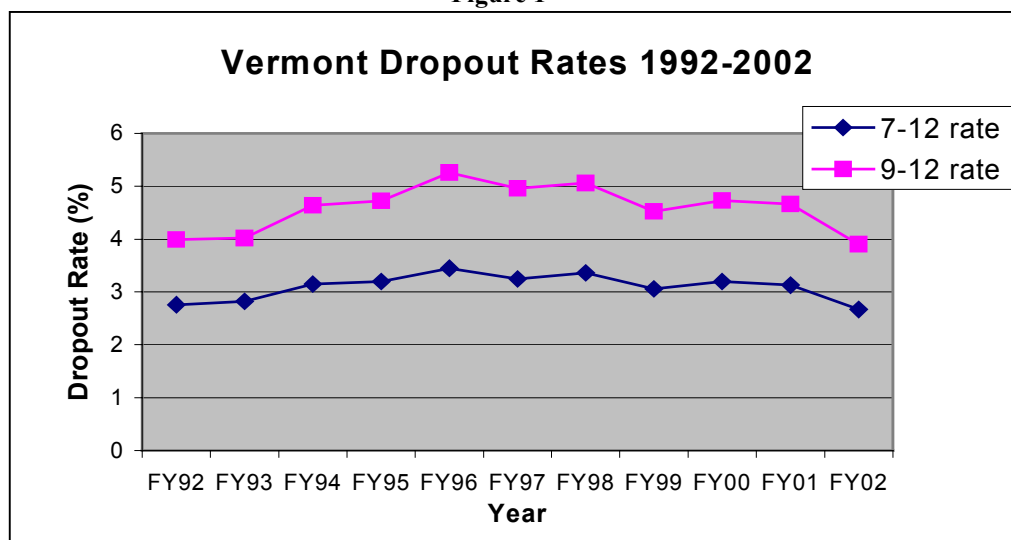


Table 3 shows 1992 and 2002 dropout rates by grade level. When 1992 dropout rates are compared to 2002 figures, decreases are seen in grades 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. Only the grade 12 dropout rate increases slightly since 1992.

Table 3: Ten Year Comparison of Dropout Rates by Grade Level

<u>Grade</u>	<u>1992</u> <u>Dropout Rate</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>Dropout Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
7	.33%	0.12%	-0.21%
8	.46%	0.25%	- 0.21%
9	3.24%	2.22%	- 1.02%
10	3.88%	3.74%	- 0.14%
11	5.45%	4.80%	- 0.65%
12	4.79%	5.07%	+0.28%

#### Vermont Public School Dropout Data for School Year 2001-2002

Table 4, beginning on the following page, shows schools listed alphabetically and includes the adjusted enrollment, the number of dropouts, and the event dropout rate for the grades 7 through 12<sup>th</sup> individually. A grade span rate for grades 7 through 12<sup>th</sup> and 9 through 12<sup>th</sup> is also calculated.

School Name	Grade 7			Grade 8			Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			7th-12th	9th-12th
	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate
Statewide Totals	8144	10	0.12%	7977	20	0.25%	8677	193	2.22%	8260	309	3.74%	7737	371	4.80%	7749	393	5.07%	2.67%	3.90%
PS007	Albany Community School	10	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS009	Albert D. Lawton School	132	0	0.00%	129	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS010	Alburg Community Ed Center	31	0	0.00%	29	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS011	Arlington Memorial	43	0	0.00%	42	0	0.00%	49	0	0.00%	38	0	0.00%	38	0	0.00%	45	1	2.22%	0.39%
PS015	Bakersfield School	23	0	0.00%	12	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS018	Barnet Elementary School	32	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS381	Barre City Elem/Middle School	100	0	0.00%	66	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS020	Barre Town Elementary School	123	0	0.00%	82	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS021	Barstow Memorial School	40	0	0.00%	39	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS022	Barton Graded School	37	0	0.00%	23	1	4.35%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1.67%
PS024	Bellows Falls Middle School	100	0	0.00%	113	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS025	Bellows Falls UHSD #27	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	131	2	1.53%	166	12	7.23%	105	7	6.67%	123	5	4.07%	4.95%
PA001	Bellows Free Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	308	6	1.95%	285	10	3.51%	247	14	5.67%	250	15	6.00%	4.13%
PS027	Bellows Free Academy	87	0	0.00%	68	2	2.94%	104	2	1.92%	93	3	3.23%	82	2	2.44%	75	5	6.67%	2.75%
PS031	Benson Village School	18	0	0.00%	8	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS032	Berkshire Elementary School	19	0	0.00%	21	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS035	Black River USD #39	43	0	0.00%	55	0	0.00%	58	2	3.45%	53	3	5.66%	40	5	12.50%	47	1	2.13%	3.72%
PS036	Blue Mountain USD #21	40	0	0.00%	30	0	0.00%	36	2	5.56%	42	1	2.38%	37	0	0.00%	50	2	4.00%	2.13%
PS367	Bratt. Area Middle Sch UHSD #6	137	0	0.00%	141	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS040	Brattleboro Sr. UHSD #6	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	287	2	0.70%	266	25	9.40%	279	11	3.94%	261	14	5.36%	4.76%
PS043	Bridport Central School	12	0	0.00%	11	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS044	Brighton Elementary School	15	0	0.00%	16	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS050	Browns River Middle USD #17	134	0	0.00%	144	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS051	Burke Town School	18	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS052	Burlington Senior High Sch	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	367	22	5.99%	253	13	5.14%	240	14	5.83%	214	10	4.67%	5.49%
PA002	Burr & Burton Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	137	0	0.00%	142	1	0.70%	124	5	4.03%	118	1	0.85%	1.34%
PS055	Cabot School	21	0	0.00%	23	0	0.00%	25	0	0.00%	22	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	26	1	3.85%	0.74%
PS058	Camels Hump Middle USD #17	128	0	0.00%	139	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS059	Canaan Schools	11	0	0.00%	22	0	0.00%	34	0	0.00%	30	2	6.67%	26	1	3.85%	26	0	0.00%	2.01%
PS061	Castleton-Hubbarnton USD #42	67	0	0.00%	59	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS066	Champlain Valley UHSD #15	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	336	1	0.30%	298	8	2.68%	303	6	1.98%	294	18	6.12%	2.68%
PS067	Charleston Elem. School	13	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS068	Charlotte Central School	68	0	0.00%	53	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS069	Chelsea Elem. High School	20	0	0.00%	11	0	0.00%	45	0	0.00%	29	1	3.45%	40	5	12.50%	32	1	3.13%	3.95%
PS072	Colchester High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	191	1	0.52%	179	1	0.56%	177	5	2.82%	194	10	5.15%	2.29%
PS073	Colchester Middle School	189	0	0.00%	208	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS074	Concord Schools	15	0	0.00%	12	0	0.00%	27	4	14.81%	15	1	6.67%	22	3	13.64%	22	5	22.73%	11.50%
PS077	Coventry Village School	13	0	0.00%	14	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS078	Craftsbury Schools	19	0	0.00%	21	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	13	1	7.69%	21	1	4.76%	14	1	7.14%	2.86%
PS391	Crossett Brook Middle USD #45	93	0	0.00%	88	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS082	Danville School	31	0	0.00%	48	0	0.00%	31	1	3.23%	53	0	0.00%	45	4	8.89%	34	1	2.94%	2.48%
PS085	Dorset School	25	0	0.00%	21	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS087	Dummerston Schools	26	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS090	East Haven River School	2	0	0.00%	6	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS095	Edmunds Middle School	137	0	0.00%	103	1	0.97%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.42%
PS098	Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High Sch	45	0	0.00%	45	0	0.00%	99	6	6.06%	65	4	6.15%	68	6	8.82%	81	4	4.94%	4.96%
PS388	Essex Comm. Ed. Ctr. UHSD #46	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	395	10	2.53%	393	9	2.29%	426	27	6.34%	372	14	3.78%	3.78%
PS101	Essex Middle School	164	0	0.00%	181	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS103	Fair Haven Grade School	58	0	0.00%	55	1	1.82%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.88%
PS104	Fair Haven UHSD #16	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	169	4	2.37%	122	3	2.46%	154	6	3.90%	142	6	4.23%	3.24%
PS105	Fairfield Center School	30	0	0.00%	29	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS111	Flood Brook USD #20	35	0	0.00%	35	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS112	Folsom Ed. & Community Ctr	26	0	0.00%	21	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS273	Frederick H. Tuttle Middle Sch	226	0	0.00%	215	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS117	Georgia Elementary School	70	0	0.00%	83	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS118	Glover Village School	14	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS122	Grand Isle Elem. School	29	0	0.00%	25	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PS124	Green Mountain UHSD #35	91	0	0.00%	65	0	0.00%	64	1	1.56%	73	4	5.48%	77	6	7.79%	63	3	4.76%	3.23%
PS128	Guilford Central School	27	0	0.00%	29	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%

School Name	Grade 7			Grade 8			Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			7th-12th	9th-12th
	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate
Statewide Totals	8144	10	0.12%	7977	20	0.25%	8677	193	2.22%	8260	309	3.74%	7737	371	4.80%	7749	393	5.07%	2.67%	3.90%
PS129	9	0	0.00%	14	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS134	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	207	8	3.86%	214	15	7.01%	188	10	5.32%	184	4	2.17%	4.67%	4.67%
PS135	144	0	0.00%	174	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SU054	2	2	100.00%	0	0	0.00%	2	2	100.00%	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	80.00%	66.67%
PS137	48	0	0.00%	56	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS138	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	163	0	0.00%	157	0	0.00%	125	2	1.60%	182	1	0.55%	0.48%	0.48%
PS393	88	0	0.00%	97	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS139	79	0	0.00%	83	0	0.00%	95	5	5.26%	84	6	7.14%	62	2	3.23%	68	6	8.82%	4.03%	6.15%
PS143	78	0	0.00%	64	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS147	16	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS157	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	109	5	4.59%	98	1	1.02%	89	4	4.49%	95	6	6.32%	4.09%	4.09%
PS158	144	0	0.00%	165	0	0.00%	186	5	2.69%	135	4	2.96%	121	12	9.92%	131	9	6.87%	3.40%	5.24%
PS161	63	0	0.00%	76	0	0.00%	87	0	0.00%	83	1	1.20%	54	2	3.70%	70	4	5.71%	1.62%	2.38%
PS166	20	0	0.00%	20	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS168	25	0	0.00%	26	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS169	154	0	0.00%	155	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PA003	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	156	2	1.28%	175	4	2.29%	156	12	7.69%	151	6	3.97%	3.76%	3.76%
PS170	82	0	0.00%	92	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS173	106	0	0.00%	100	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS175	79	0	0.00%	65	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS177	10	0	0.00%	9	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS180	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	176	1	0.57%	203	5	2.46%	175	7	4.00%	179	19	10.61%	4.37%	4.37%
PS366	162	0	0.00%	162	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS183	114	0	0.00%	130	0	0.00%	135	3	2.22%	122	4	3.28%	98	3	3.06%	157	5	3.18%	1.98%	2.93%
PS184	20	0	0.00%	20	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS185	143	0	0.00%	141	1	0.71%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.35%	0.00%
PS186	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	146	7	4.79%	136	8	5.88%	117	4	3.42%	123	2	1.63%	4.02%	4.02%
PS187	206	2	0.97%	154	0	0.00%	191	4	2.09%	163	10	6.13%	186	12	6.45%	178	23	12.92%	4.73%	6.82%
PS190	19	0	0.00%	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS191	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	103	4	3.88%	103	0	0.00%	107	3	2.80%	120	2	1.67%	2.08%	2.08%
PS195	179	0	0.00%	140	0	0.00%	166	2	1.20%	151	5	3.31%	117	10	8.55%	151	14	9.27%	3.43%	5.30%
PS196	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	321	5	1.56%	314	15	4.78%	291	18	6.19%	336	22	6.55%	4.75%	4.75%
PS197	298	5	1.68%	336	10	2.98%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	2.37%	0.00%
PS199	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	257	2	0.78%	251	3	1.20%	242	7	2.89%	256	4	1.56%	1.59%	1.59%
PS201	6	0	0.00%	11	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS205	16	0	0.00%	23	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS206	19	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS364	179	1	0.56%	152	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.30%	0.00%
PS208	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	271	8	2.95%	286	12	4.20%	282	17	5.82%	268	31	11.57%	6.09%	6.08%
PS209	9	0	0.00%	6	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS211	67	0	0.00%	65	0	0.00%	92	3	3.26%	82	1	1.22%	59	1	1.69%	89	3	3.37%	1.76%	2.48%
PS212	3	0	0.00%	3	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS369	4	0	0.00%	3	0	0.00%	17	1	5.88%	14	0	0.00%	4	1	25.00%	6	0	0.00%	4.17%	4.88%
PS215	19	0	0.00%	18	1	5.56%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	2.70%	0.00%
PS217	12	0	0.00%	20	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SU031	7	0	0.00%	6	0	0.00%	13	0	0.00%	16	1	6.25%	17	1	5.88%	14	0	0.00%	2.74%	3.33%
PS218	17	0	0.00%	16	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS219	117	0	0.00%	132	0	0.00%	144	7	4.86%	123	7	5.69%	121	7	5.79%	106	2	1.89%	3.10%	4.66%
PS220	53	0	0.00%	55	0	0.00%	98	4	4.08%	123	4	3.25%	93	6	6.45%	104	14	13.46%	5.32%	6.70%
PS224	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	114	3	2.63%	104	6	5.77%	83	2	2.41%	86	15	17.44%	6.72%	6.72%
PS394	98	0	0.00%	89	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS230	58	0	0.00%	62	0	0.00%	66	4	6.06%	60	5	8.33%	72	1	1.39%	61	2	3.28%	3.17%	4.63%
PS233	25	0	0.00%	28	0	0.00%	28	1	3.57%	49	0	0.00%	34	2	5.88%	26	3	11.54%	3.16%	4.38%
PS234	38	0	0.00%	29	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS237	101	0	0.00%	113	0	0.00%	109	3	2.75%	113	9	7.96%	105	4	3.81%	102	5	4.90%	3.27%	4.90%
PS240	6	0	0.00%	9	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS242	37	0	0.00%	36	1	2.78%	60	4	6.67%	60	3	5.00%	39	3	7.69%	30	2	6.67%	4.96%	6.35%
PI004	49	0	0.00%	61	0	0.00%	45	1	2.22%	36	0	0.00%	52	7	13.46%	20	2	10.00%	3.80%	6.54%
PS245	135	0	0.00%	112	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

School Name	Grade 7			Grade 8			Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			7th-12th	9th-12th
	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate
Statewide Totals	8144	10	0.12%	7977	20	0.25%	8677	193	2.22%	8260	309	3.74%	7737	371	4.80%	7749	393	5.07%	2.67%	3.90%
PS247 Rochester Elem/High School	30	0	0.00%	25	0	0.00%	28	0	0.00%	19	2	10.53%	26	1	3.85%	15	2	13.33%	3.50%	5.68%
PS365 Rutland Middle School	201	0	0.00%	191	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS253 Rutland Senior High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	272	7	2.57%	313	14	4.47%	303	24	7.92%	255	7	2.75%	4.55%	4.55%
PS258 Rutland Town Elem School	63	0	0.00%	77	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS264 Shelburne Community School	107	0	0.00%	110	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS266 Sheldon Elementary School	38	0	0.00%	58	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS272 So. Burlington High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	255	2	0.78%	254	4	1.57%	202	5	2.48%	211	5	2.37%	1.74%	1.74%
PS274 So. Royalton Elem/High School	46	0	0.00%	34	0	0.00%	52	0	0.00%	49	3	6.12%	51	0	0.00%	43	4	9.30%	2.55%	3.59%
PS276 Spaulding HSUD #41	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	261	2	0.77%	246	10	4.07%	242	2	0.83%	246	6	2.44%	2.01%	2.01%
PS278 Springfield High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	162	2	1.23%	166	7	4.22%	144	10	6.94%	164	4	2.44%	3.62%	3.62%
PS288 St Albans City School	111	0	0.00%	90	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS289 St. Albans Town Educ. Center	86	0	0.00%	73	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PA004 St. Johnsbury Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	232	0	0.00%	256	0	0.00%	241	0	0.00%	234	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS283 St. Johnsbury Middle School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS400 St. Johnsbury Schools	77	0	0.00%	74	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS284 Stamford Elementary School	13	0	0.00%	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS287 Stowe Middle/High School	49	0	0.00%	45	0	0.00%	50	2	4.00%	70	2	2.86%	56	0	0.00%	49	4	8.16%	2.51%	3.56%
PS294 Sutton Village School	18	0	0.00%	11	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PA005 Thetford Academy	50	0	0.00%	35	0	0.00%	66	0	0.00%	78	1	1.28%	70	4	5.71%	63	2	3.17%	1.93%	2.53%
PS302 Troy School	15	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS303 Tunbridge Central School	17	0	0.00%	20	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS304 Twinfield USD #33	35	0	0.00%	48	0	0.00%	40	1	2.50%	50	1	2.00%	34	4	11.76%	32	2	6.25%	3.35%	5.13%
PS305 U-32 High School (UHSD #32)	145	0	0.00%	118	0	0.00%	142	0	0.00%	137	9	6.57%	134	9	6.72%	167	10	5.99%	3.32%	4.83%
PS312 Vergennes UHSD #5	104	0	0.00%	128	0	0.00%	110	2	1.82%	90	4	4.44%	118	4	3.39%	97	5	5.15%	2.32%	3.61%
PS310 Waits River Valley USD #36	36	0	0.00%	37	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS316 Walden School	14	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS322 Washington Village School	12	0	0.00%	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS324 Waterford Elementary School	14	0	0.00%	25	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS361 Weathersfield Middle School	22	0	0.00%	39	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS331 West Rutland School	35	0	0.00%	34	1	2.94%	37	1	2.70%	42	3	7.14%	30	1	3.33%	28	3	10.71%	4.37%	5.84%
PS333 Westford Elementary School	32	0	0.00%	33	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS399 Westshire School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS338 Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	33	0	0.00%	45	0	0.00%	42	0	0.00%	31	3	9.68%	51	2	3.92%	27	0	0.00%	2.18%	3.31%
PS341 Whitingham School	22	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	30	1	3.33%	20	1	5.00%	23	2	8.70%	13	2	15.38%	4.72%	6.98%
PS344 Williamstown Middle/High Sch	51	0	0.00%	40	0	0.00%	64	2	3.13%	44	3	6.82%	49	4	8.16%	43	2	4.65%	3.78%	5.50%
PS398 Williston Schools	125	0	0.00%	121	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PS346 Wilmington Middle High School	36	0	0.00%	40	0	0.00%	39	0	0.00%	36	2	5.56%	39	1	2.56%	38	2	5.26%	2.19%	3.29%
PS348 Windsor High School	66	0	0.00%	48	1	2.08%	117	1	0.85%	103	4	3.88%	91	5	5.49%	87	2	2.30%	2.54%	3.02%
PS351 Winooski High School	81	0	0.00%	64	0	0.00%	89	9	10.11%	55	1	1.82%	38	1	2.63%	44	4	9.09%	4.04%	6.64%
PS356 Woodstock Sr. UHSD #4	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	122	1	0.82%	115	4	3.48%	126	4	3.17%	117	3	2.56%	2.50%	2.50%
PS368 Woodstock Union Middle School	110	0	0.00%	127	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

## Graduation /Completion Data

The event completion rate, previously referred to as the graduation rate, continues to remain at the 90% rate  $\pm$  1%. Data from fiscal year 1994 to the present are listed in Table 6.

Table 5: Event Completion Rate - Statewide Totals

Year	Total Graduates	Adjusted 12th Grade Enrollment	Completion/Graduation Rate
FY94	5,568	6,255	89%
FY95	6,145	6,885	89%
FY96	5,944	6,671	89%
FY97	6,055	6,784	89%
FY98	6,383	7,076	90%
FY99	6,391	7,048	91%
FY00	6,468	7,192	91%
FY01	6,658	7,437	89%
FY02	6,978	7,749	90%

## Event Completion and Longitudinal Completion Rate Data

Table 6: The Event and Longitudinal Completion Rates for school year 2001-2002

School Name	2002 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2002 Event Completion Rate	2002 Longitudinal Completion Rate
<b>Statewide Totals</b>	<b>7749</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>82%</b>
Arlington Memorial	45	96%	96%
Bellows Falls UHSD #27	123	89%	73%
Bellows Free Academy	250	94%	79%
Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax)	75	85%	84%
Black River USD #39	47	98%	77%
Blue Mountain USD #21	50	96%	91%
Brattleboro Sr. UHSD #6	261	86%	70%
Burlington Senior High Sch	214	90%	71%
Burr & Burton Academy	118	99%	**
Cabot School	26	96%	89%
Canaan Schools	26	92%	80%
Champlain Valley UHSD #15	294	88%	90%
Chelsea Elem. High School	32	84%	82%
Colchester High School	194	82%	87%
Concord Schools	22	77%	*
Craftsbury Schools	14	93%	*
Danville School	34	91%	91%
Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High Sch	81	93%	74%
Essex Comm. Ed. Ctr. UHSD #46	372	91%	91%
Fair Haven UHSD #16	142	91%	87%
Green Mountain UHSD #35	63	95%	80%
Hartford High School	184	96%	85%
Harwood UHSD #19	182	90%	96%
Hazen UHSD #26	68	90%	84%
Lake Region UHSD #24	95	91%	83%

Lamoille UHSD #18	131	82%	78%
Leland & Gray UHSD #34	70	84%	84%
Lyndon Institute	151	92%	84%
Middlebury Sr. UHSD #3	179	80%	80%
Mill River USD #40	157	92%	87%
Milton Sr High School	123	93%	78%
Missisquoi Valley UHSD #7	178	81%	73%
Montpelier High School	120	95%	86%
Mount Abraham UHSD #28	151	85%	73%
Mt. Anthony Sr. UHSD #14	336	85%	76%
Mt. Mansfield USD #17	256	96%	90%
North Country Sr UHSD #22	268	88%	79%
Northfield Middle/High School	89	88%	87%
Ontop	6	100%	*
Otter Valley UHSD #8	106	89%	76%
Oxbow UHSD #30	104	83%	74%
Peoples Academy	86	74%	70%
Poultney High School	61	95%	91%
Proctor Jr/Sr High School	26	88%	79%
Randolph UHSD #2	102	89%	84%
Richford Jr/Sr High School	30	93%	70%
Rivendell Academy	20	80%	*
Rochester Elem/High School	15	87%	*
Rutland Senior High School	255	93%	83%
So. Burlington High School	211	92%	89%
So. Royalton Elem/High School	43	91%	85%
Spaulding HSUD #41	246	95%	91%
Springfield High School	164	97%	79%
St. Johnsbury Academy	234	100%	98%
Stowe Middle/High School	49	86%	84%
Thetford Academy	63	92%	92%
Twinfield USD #33	32	88%	82%
U-32 High School (UHSD #32)	167	92%	86%
Vergennes UHSD #5	97	94%	88%
West Rutland School	28	89%	68%
Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	27	100%	87%
Whitingham School	13	85%	*
Williamstown Middle/High Sch	43	86%	79%
Wilmington Middle High School	38	95%	88%
Windsor High School	87	97%	87%
Winooski High School	44	82%	63%
Woodstock Sr. UHSD #4	117	94%	92%

\* Due to significant fluctuations in data for high schools with small graduating classes, the estimated cohort rate for schools with fewer than 25 graduates is not shown in this report

\*\* Missing data for one or more years in the data set for the cohort rate.

## Summary

The annual event dropout rate describes the proportion of students who leave school each year without completing a high school program. The event dropout rates for the school year 2001-2002 of 2.67% for grades 7 through 12<sup>th</sup> and 3.90% for grades 9 through 12<sup>th</sup> are at the lowest levels in the past ten years. As in previous years, dropout rates increase with grade level. Statewide 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade dropout levels remain below 1%, while dropout rates in high schools vary from 2.22% in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 5.07% in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. In FY02 the dropout rate for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 declined compared to FY01.

For the first time the event completion/graduation rate data for school year 2001-2002 are reported alongside with a longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2002. The event graduation rate represents the number of students enrolled in the senior class who graduate at the end of their senior year. The statewide event graduation rate for school year 01-02 is 90%. This is a 1% increase from the 2000-01 school year. The longitudinal completion rate is an attempt to estimate a cohort rate for a class of students and calculate the percentage of students that complete the high school requirements for receiving a diploma or for receiving a certificate of attendance or other certificate of completion, in lieu of a diploma. The statewide longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2002 is 82%.

It is important to distinguish the difference between the event graduation rate and the longitudinal completion rate. The event rate is the percentage of twelfth grade students that complete twelfth grade in a given year; it represents a measure of one year. The longitudinal completion rate is intended to mimic a true cohort approach by following consecutive grades through four years; that is, of those students who leave school, what percentage graduated. Until a statewide student tracking system is in place, the estimated cohort rate/ longitudinal completion rate provides the best information available on high school completion.

# Appendix A - Dropout Reporting Instructions

## Summary of School Leaver Status

A Student Who:	Dropout or Classified As Withdrawn?
1. Graduated or received some other recognized credential, such as a certificate of attendance or GED	No
2. Only attended summer school in this school district (was not enrolled during the regular school year).	No
3. Left school without a diploma or other certification after passing age up to which the district was required to provide free, public education	Yes
4. Died	No
5. Gone; status is unknown	Yes
6. Moved to another district in this or some other state, not known to be in school	Yes
7. Moved out of the United States, enrollment status not known	No
8. Transferred, enrolled in:	
Another public school, a private school, or charter school	No
Home Schooling	No
Early college (Baccalaureate or associate's degree)	No
Adult education program not administered by a regular school district	Yes
9. Is in an institution that is not primarily academic (military, possibly Job Corps, corrections, etc) that:	
Offers a secondary education program	No
Does not offer a secondary education program	Yes
10. Is not in school, but known to be:	
Planning to enroll late (e.g., extended family vacation, seasonal work)	No
Ill, verified as legitimate	No
Ill, not verified as legitimate	Yes
Suffering long-term illness and not receiving education services (residential drug treatment, severe physical or mental illness)	No
Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion not yet over	No
Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion over	Yes
Expelled, no option to return	Yes
Expelled, enrolled in another school and/or district	No
11. In a nontraditional education setting, such as hospital/homebound instruction, residential special education, correctional institution, community or technical college.	
Program administered by agency considered a special school district or extension of regular school district	No
Program is off-campus offering of regular school district	No
Program not approved or administered by regular district; classified as adult education	Yes

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